

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-21 were pending in the case at the time of the current Office Action. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 12 and 18-21. Claims 3-11 and 13-17 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 21 is currently amended herein to correct an informality.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1, 2, 12 and 18-21 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 25 of copending Application No. 10/133,610.

Accordingly, and solely in order to expedite the application to allowance, the Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer with regard to rejected claims 1, 2, 12 and 18-21, thereby removing the Examiner's rejection.

Based on the foregoing remarks in conjunction with the terminal disclaimer, prompt consideration of this amendment is requested. If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this application or the amendment, a call to Applicant's agent would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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